

Leicester,  
July 12. 1872.

Dear Garrison;

Again I am your  
debtor for a valuable & beautiful  
book - the Life of Mazzini, one of  
the great leaders of humanity; March, -  
- with your admirable introduction.  
Before its publication I had read the  
notices of its coming, &c. of your hand in  
it; and had ordered & received it for  
our Town Library. It is an  
important addition to American reading,  
and a most needed example of fidelity &  
consistency, in these days of ~~all~~ extraordinary  
flinging away of all such things, nay of  
all decency & common respect to the  
judgment of men, such as the Democratic  
Party of the United States, and its new  
Leader & Candidate (!!!), Manifest.  
What a riddling they deserve, and  
ought to get. Let them not be spared.

You have perhaps thought it  
very strange, & to hear from me before  
in acknowledgment of the receipt of the  
book; but the fact is, I have only had  
it a few days, though the date in it,  
in your hand-writing, is June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
I suppose my Sister Mary's house  
was closed at that time, and so  
you took the great trouble to get it  
over to 3 Exeter Street; but it did  
not happen to be mentioned to me when  
I was there; and indeed I think it  
probable I was not there, after the  
book came there; as my Mother lefts  
& went to Milton early in June, and  
they were getting ready to close the Exeter  
St. house. Be sure I thank  
you very much for it, & shall value  
it highly.

Do you know how poorly our goods  
Richard D. Webb is? I had a note  
from him, a day or two since, written

June 26. (or 25.) "from his bed". He said he had fallen off very much; he spares the manuf. in bed, and about noon is lifted in a chair out of doors, where he reclines, on an air-bed, under a sort of tent his sons have put up for him. He writes with little apparent expectation of being any better. I think now than few things will comfort him so much as letters from his American friends.

Olive Johnson has sent me a copy of the little souvenir of his wife wh. he has had printed, - viz. the services in full at the funeral occasion in New York. I have been writing to thank him, & tell him how admirable all those services appeared to me. ~ I have greatly lost confidence in T. Tilton - not in his good judgment only - but he seems to have appeared at his best on that occasion. And how calmly & beautifully Mrs. Nott's words must have come in.

We are all tolerably well - somehow constantly busy - with some summer company, &c. With love to your wife, Very affly yours. S. May.

